

SILVER JUBILEE.

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temps comme les nôtres et en un pays celui-ci, toutes les misères de nos jours sont redevables au Très-Haut par le ministère du clergé.

Bon Père, ne prétez pas trop d'attention à nos fautes à votre égard que nous déplorons de tout notre cœur plus oubliés qu'ingrats. Tirez en vengeance en nous continuant vos sacrifices, vos prières et vos sages conseils qui nous aident toujours à effacer, à expier et à mériter pour aller au Ciel et votre travail à la vigne du Seigneur, des années et des années encore, jusque dans la gloire.

Pour vous payer de retour que pourrions nous faire? Vous aimer, vous respecter et vous aider dans vos œuvres! Oui, nous le voulons. Sous votre égide et avec la grâce de Dieu nous servirons le Bon Maître, puis vous trouverez en nous des paroissiens dociles, respectueux et dévoués à vos œuvres.

Que le Tout-Puissant daigne vous accorder assez de victoires pour que vous ensemble nous de chrétiens vos noceurs diant de ministère à St. Johnsbury.

Ad multos annos.

En outre de ce vœu nous prions le Cœur de Jésus, ce sanctuaire si saint, cette bonté infinie, cette charité immense, cette douceur ineffable, cette image parfaite de son Père éternel, ce foyer d'amour, de rendre votre cœur semblable au sein et par vous, les nôtres, pour que pasteur et troupeau, transformés par la grâce nous soyons tous réunis dans le sein de Dieu.

Munis de cette bénédiction du Ciel nous continuerons à croître en nombre, avant tout, en grâce et en sagesse devant Dieu et devant les hommes.

Daignez, Monsieur le curé, accepter, avec l'assurance de notre respect et de notre amour, l'engagement de gratitude.

Si nous avons trouvé grâce à vos yeux veuillez nous bénir en même temps que Monseigneur.

LES CANADIENS.

Fr. Boissonnault responded very feelingly to these words and thanked his people for their sincere expressions of goodwill. During his remarks he was frequently interrupted by applause and at the close he spoke briefly in English.

He said that he felt very happy tonight and that he wanted to thank all for their presence. While he regretted that there was ever a division in the parish he said he could never forget the happiness that all the Catholics in St. Johnsbury had given him by their helpfulness. "If I have been successful it is because of the willingness of my people to help me. I can never forget this occasion and let me especially thank the business men of St. Johnsbury for their presence here tonight."

The address from the boys' school was given by Master A. Bedard; from the young ladies of the convent by Mlle. O. Dumas; from the Children of Mary by Mlle. A. Belanger; from the Ladies of St. Anne by Mme. F. X. Nolin; from the young men by Arthur Lefebvre; from the Foresters by Louis Demers. The delegate from the missions was present but was unable to speak. The orator of the evening was Lieut.-Gov. Bates, who was called out by Rev. Fr. Boissonnault and made a fine impromptu speech.

Gov. Bates spoke of how much he enjoyed the exercises of the evening even though he could not understand the French language and said that Fr. Boissonnault had done as much for the good character of the town as any man in St. Johnsbury. He said he was worthy of all the honor that had come to him tonight and hoped that he might have a fiftieth anniversary in St. Johnsbury. In closing he said the Catholics and Protestants were getting nearer together every year and he believed that this was a most excellent omen of local prosperity.

Each of the speakers presented Fr. Boissonnault with a basket or bouquet of flowers in which a purse was cleverly concealed, and the gifts received during the evening reached a value of \$2500, or \$100 for each year of faithful service. Besides the gifts of money he received a solid silver chalice, with a gold bowl, a set of missals or holy books and many other valuable presents.

THE EXERCISES ON SUNDAY.

At the 10 o'clock service on Sunday morning the church was again crowded and for the first time in St. Johnsbury pontifical high mass was given with imposing ceremonies. The mass was sung under the direction of Bishop LaRoque and the choir was augmented by the St. Johnsbury orchestra. The mass was sung by the following officers: Celebrant, Bishop LaRoque; assistant, Rev. Fr. Boissonnault of St. Johnsbury; deacons of honor, Rev. Fr. Panneton and Rev. Fr. Marceau of the St. Johnsbury parish; deacons of the mass, Rev. Fr. Dufréne and Rev. Fr. Boissonnault of Sherbrooke; master of ceremonies, Rev. Fr. Chalfoux. The priests were assisted by a number of acolytes from the Notre Dame des Victoires church.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Fr. Beaubien, who is well remembered in St. Johnsbury and who delivered the address at the laying of the corner stone of the hospital. The preacher was a college mate of Fr. Boissonnault and gave a sermon in French that was full of spiritual lessons. Taking as his theme the lie of John the Baptist he drew a comparison between his work and that of Fr. Boissonnault in laboring so faithfully in St. Johnsbury for 25 years. He spoke of his early acquaintance with Fr. Boissonnault and of his long and useful life and of the help he received from his people.

During the celebration of the mass Bishop LaRoque used for the first time the silver and golden chalice and the missals, which were consecrated for use at this service.

In the afternoon there was a banquet in St. Agnes Hall and in the evening there were vespers in the church and the administration of the blessed sacrament. At the evening service Bishop LaRoque briefly addressed the people of the parish.

NOTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY.

The success of the occasion was due to the arduous efforts of the committee of arrangements. Of this body, Louis Demers was president, Thomas Gagnon,

vice president, David Frechette, treasurer and Louis Lemerle, secretary. The other members were Narcisse Morau, Jerome Lemaire, Jovite Pinard, Jean Lanctot, J. O. Drouin, Joseph Gauthier, Peter Provencal, Frank Lacourse, Hyacinthe Lanthier, Louis Gingras, Philip Dupont, Dr. Prevost, Rev. Fr. Marceau, the assistant priest of the parish, was the general counsellor of the committee.

The altar was decorated on Sunday with the flowers which had been presented to Fr. Boissonnault the evening previous and over the altar were the words, "Ad maiorem Dei gloriam. Gratias agamus domini Deo nostro."

This was Bishop LaRoque's first visit to St. Johnsbury and he is sure of a cordial welcome when he comes again. He speaks English fluently and early in his pastoral career was a missionary for ten years in Florida. He was ordained at Key West and among his duties in that period was the baptism of Gen. W. T. Sherman's family into the Catholic faith.

SKETCH OF FR. BOISSONNAULT AND HIS PARISH.

Rev. J. A. Boissonnault was born at St. Valentine, Province of Quebec, May 16, 1841. He was graduated from Montreal college in 1863, and the same year began his theological studies, which he finished three years later. After his ordination in 1866 he was named assistant pastor at Sault au Reclot near Montreal and ordained to the priesthood in 1869. He came to Vermont in 1870 and was given charge of the new congregation at Rutland. After a few months he was appointed rector at Fair Haven, which comprised the missions of Castleton, Orwell, Shoreham and Proctorville. During that time he built churches at Fair Haven and Shoreham.

In 1874 Fr. Boissonnault was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Victory church, known throughout the state as the Notre Dame des Victoires church.

For many years his people worshipped in the brick church on Cherry street, now known as St. Agnes hall. But his 25 years of faithful service have witnessed a marvelous growth along educational, philanthropic and religious lines. During his first year in St. Johnsbury he built the boys' school where 100 boys now receive their education. In 1876 he bought the Catholic cemetery, which was located where the slightly residence of Joseph Gauthier now stands. As the village grew it was found to be unsuitable for the needs of the parish and a new cemetery was bought above Pad-docks village. The year that the cemetery was first bought he built the church at Lyndonville. At the latter place a new church edifice was built about six years ago and is under the charge of Rev. Fr. Paquet.

The Sisters of Charity came here in 1867, and they have special charge of the girls' school, established in 1879, and where 98 girls were educated the past year. In 1876 the chime of three bells was bought and blessed on July 4. This was the first church in Vermont to have a chime of bells.

In June, 1878, Fr. Boissonnault bought a fine residence for the nuns, and as the first building was too small for the growing needs of the parish, a new convent was built in 1883. The slightly residence in which Fr. Boissonnault lives was bought in February, 1884.

The new stone church was dedicated Jan. 6, 1889, with imposing ceremonies and it is one of the finest Catholic churches in New England. It cost about \$40,000. It is built of Isle La Motte limestone and surmounted by a tower 198 feet high, the highest in town. It has a seating capacity of 1200, and is handsomely finished in ash and beautifully frescoed. The colored glass windows were given by members of the parish.

May 26, 1895, the cornerstone was laid for a hospital, and this building was completed that year and has been of great use to this town and community. It is a three-story brick building and cost about \$25,000.

At the arrival of Fr. Boissonnault in 1874 there were 220 families in his parish. Now there are twice as many, and during his 25 years' residence in St. Johnsbury he has spent \$200,000 upon buildings and real estate for church property.

Business Notes.

The Stiles Drug Co. have bought all the prescriptions of the Randall pharmacy. This store was founded by Sias Randall many years ago and many valuable remedies have been owned by it during all the years that business was done at that pharmacy.

Lyman P. Harriman, proprietor of the Standard Bottling Works, has added to his plant seltzer, lithia, kisenogen and other mineral waters in siphons for medical use. His trade in bottled goods is constantly increasing and he is shipping now as far north as Newport.

J. O. Drouin expects to open soon a cash grocery store in his block on Railroad street. The local merchants are coming more and more to believe in the cash system and we wish Mr. Drouin much success when he opens his store on that basis.

A Growing Business.

E. E. Galer at Paddock village is establishing a flourishing business in the line of manufacturing artistic house finish. His specialties are stair work, piazzas and ornamental door work and steel ceilings. All sorts of wood carving, sideboards, mantles, mouldings and wood turning are among the products of his manufactory. His machinery is of the latest and most approved designs including a new machine which turns out mouldings at a single operation, and is the only machine of the kind in this section. Mr. Galer manufactures doors, window frames and blinds and has a force of men out on job work.

In the Parlor—Edith (showing her smart little brother to her new beau)—"Now, Tommy, you have counted up to eleven, tell us what comes after eleven." Tommy—"Pop, in his stocking feet." [Brookly Life.]

RECENT DEATHS.

Name.

Mrs. Susan Bradley Hume of Lyndonville, relict of the late Alexander Hume, died at the St. Johnsbury Hospital on Saturday evening last, after a lingering illness resulting from rheumatism and a general breaking down. Mrs. Hume was 74 years old, and had been cared for at the hospital since April 19. Mrs. Hume was a native of Belfast, Ireland. She moved from Canada with her husband to Lyndon Center some 29 years ago, and three years later they settled in Lyndonville, where Mr. Hume died 16 years ago, and where his family have since made their home. Five children were born to them, of whom but two survive—Alexander B. Hume, resident in Concord, N. H., and Miss Susan B. Hume, for some time past an efficient and esteemed teacher in St. Johnsbury school's.

The remains were taken to Lyndonville on Monday morning, the funeral being held there at two p. m. of that day. Rev. J. C. Rodwell of the Congregational church, who had been for some time a near neighbor of Mrs. Hume, officiated, and paid warm tribute to the excellent character of the deceased as he had been able to observe it from day to day. Mrs. Hume was an estimable woman, thoroughly devoted to her home and family, and had many warm friends who mourn her death.

New Books at the Athenaeum.

The following books have recently been added to the library:

Barr, Mrs. A. E. I, thou and the other one.
Barrows, S. J. Isles and shrines of Greece.
Bechtel, J. H. Slips of speech.
Benson, E. F. The Capispa.
Blackman, W. F. The making of Hawaii.

Brown, Alice. Tiverton tales.
Browning, Robert and E. B. Letters, 1845-1846, 2v.
Brunetiere, Ferdinand. Manual of the history of French literature.
Burton, Lady Isabel. Life of Captain Sir Richard Burton.

Carpenter, F. G. Travels through North America with the children.
Clemens, W. M. A Ken of Kipling.
Collingwood, S. D. Life and letters of Lewis Carroll (Rev. C. L. Dodgson).
Colquhoun, A. R. China in transformation.

Conway, Sir Martin. With ski and sledge over Arctic glaciers.
Cross, A. K. Light and shade, with chapters on charcoal, pencil and brush drawing.

Doyle, C. W. Taming of the jungle.
Draper, A. S. The rescue of Cuba.
Dunbar, P. L. Lyrics of the hearth-side.

Dunton, T. W. Aylwin.
Field, Eugene. The Eugene Field book, edited by Mary E. Burt and Mary B. Cable.

Fiske, A. K. The West Indies. (Story of the island.)
Fiske, John. Through nature to God.
Fitzgerald, S. J. A. Stories of famous songs.

Fowler, E. T. Concerning Isabel Carnaby.
Frederic, Harold. Gloria mundi. March hares. The market-place.

Going, Maud, pseud. Field, forest and wide flowers, with chapters on grasses, sedges and ferns.
Gracy, Mrs. J. T. Eminent missionary women.

Griffis, W. E. America in the East.
Hale, E. E. James Russell Lowell and his friends.
Hamlin, A. D. F. A text-book of the history of architecture.

Hawkins, Anthony Hope. Pharos.
Henderson, John. Practical electricity and magnetism.
Hill, K. S. Grammar of palimetry.

Hill, R. T. Cuba and Porto Rico with the other islands of the West Indies.
Houston, E. J. and Kennedy, A. E. Alternating electric currents. Electric telegraphy. Magnetism.

Huel, E. M. The life of our Lord in art. The Madonna in art.
Jane, F. T. All the world's fighting ships. Johnson's Universal encyclopedia.

Jordan, D. S. and others. Foot-notes to evolution.
Kelley, J. G. Boy mineral collectors.
Kent, C. F. History of the Jewish people during the Babylonian, Persian and Greek periods.

Kerr, Richard. Wireless telegraphy popularly explained.
Kipling, Rudyard. From sea to sea; letters of travel. 2v.

Lang, Andrew, editor. The Arabian nights entertainments.
Le Conte, Joseph. Evolution, its nature, evidences and relation to religious thought.

Lee, Sidney. Life of William Shakespeare.
McCarthy, Justin. Reminiscences. 2v.
Mackail, J. W. Life of William Morris. 2v.

Mahan, A. T. Life of Lord Nelson.
Marquand, Allan & Frothingham, A. L. Text-book of the history of sculpture.
Matthews, F. S. Familiar features of the road-side.

Milner, O. T. First book of birds.
Molesworth, Mrs. M. L. Robin red-breast; a story for girls.
Moses, Bernard. Establishment of Spanish rule in America.

Moulton, K. G. editor. Bible stories. New Testament.
Munroe, Kirk. In pirate waters; a tale of the American navy.
Murtree, M. N. (pseud. George Egbert Craddock). The Bushwhackers and other stories.

Norton, C. L. A soldier of the legion; a story of the great Northwest.
Out of door library: Angling. Athletic sports.
Robinson, Edith. A little Puritan rebel.

Robinson, H. H. Loom and spindle; or, Life among the early mill girls.
Roosevelt, Theodore. The rough riders.
Sargent, E. E. compiler. Sargent record. (Presented by Mrs. E. E. Sargent.)

Sayce, A. H. Fresh light from the ancient monuments (By-paths of Bible knowledge).
Scudder, H. E. editor. Book of folk stories.

Smith, G. A. Book of Isaiah. 2v. (expositor's Bible). Book of the twelve minor prophets. 2v. (Expositor's Bible).
Stateman's year-book, 1899.
Stephens, R. N. Continental dragon; a love story of Philippe manor house in 1778.

Stoddard, W. O. Despatch boat of the Whistle.

Stuart, Mrs. R. McE. Moriah's mourning and other half-hour sketches.
Todd, D. P. Stars and telescopes; a handbook of popular astronomy.

Todd, M. G. (pseud. Graham Travers). Windyhaugh.
Tomlinson, E. T. Boys with Old Hickory. (War of 1812 series). Stories of the American Revolution. 2v.

Trumbull, Annie Eliot. Mistress Content Craddock.
Van Dyke, J. C. Nature for its own sake.

Whiteing, Richard. No. 5 John Street. Whiting, Lillian. The world beautiful, second and third series.

Whitman, Sidney. Austria. (Story of the nation).
Who's who in America; a biographical dictionary of living men and women of the United States, 1899-1900.

Wilkins, M. E. The Jamesons.
Wright, C. D. Outline of practical sociology with special reference to American conditions.

Sale of Carr's Store.

Harry H. Carr sold his dry goods store this week to L. P. Leach and he took possession Aug. 1. The store will be open on Friday when the new proprietor inaugurates a great clearance sale. Mr. Carr's store is one of the oldest houses on Railroad street, being founded many years ago by the late M. Johnson, who did a large business for a good while. Mr. Carr bought the store in January, 1899, and has done a good business ever since. Mr. Leach brings to the establishment twelve years of mercantile experience, having been six years in the largest department store in Taunton, Mass., one year with Lougee Bros. in Laconia, N. H., and five years with Lougee Bros. & Smythe. He is a popular and energetic tradesman and his many friends wish him continued success.

Good Words for Barre.

After the unveiling of the statue to Robert Burns at Barre, July 21, there was a banquet with addresses from the visitors. Congressman Grout was one of the speakers and he spoke in high praise of what had been accomplished by the Burns club, and the Scotchmen of Barre. He said the Burns statue was conceived by Scotchmen and erected to Burns not because he was a Scotchman but because a poet beloved of all the world. He paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Burns, and said that Barre in erecting this monument stood out prominently above every town in the state. He hoped the Italians of Barre might now have the courage to erect a statue to Garibaldi. He concluded by hoping the Burns club would live long and prosper.

Sale of the Avenue House.

Landlord Doyle returned to St. Johnsbury last Friday evening and consummated yesterday the sale of his lease of the Avenue House and the furniture to F. M. Black of West-boro, Mass. Mr. Black has been the landlord of Hotel Whitney at West-boro for several years and comes here highly recommended as a hotel man. Mr. Doyle will remain here for a short time and then take a hotel elsewhere. Mr. Doyle has been in the hotel business all his life and the CALEDONIAN wishes him success wherever he may locate.

Salvation Army Notes.

A special meeting will be held at the Army hall on Thursday evening "All over the Shop". As a meeting of this kind was never held here before, no doubt there will be a large attendance. No admission at the door, all are welcome.

Easign Sins will be here August 9 and will hold a special meeting at the hall. The Easign has been here before and we will all be glad to see him back. A large attendance is expected.

Judge Thompson's Decisions.

Judge Thompson was in town yesterday to announce his decisions in the nuisance injunction cases which were heard on demurrer. In each case the demurrer was overruled and the bill adjudged sufficient.

In the Allison & Davis case judgment was pro forma and the case will go to the supreme court for final judgment. In all the other cases the question that next arises is whether hearing will be allowed on the facts in the cases or decrees allowed to follow the overruling of demurrers. This lot of decisions is reserved for a few days.

Board of Agriculture Meetings.

The State Board of Agriculture have arranged for a series of summer meetings during the month of August. The series will begin August 22 at Morrisville, Burlington, South Hero, Williamstown, Rutland and Randolph are other towns that will have meetings. A number of speakers from without the state will attend the meetings, including Aaron Jones of Indiana, master of the national grange, and G. B. Terry of Hudson, O., a famous dairyman. An attempt is being made to get Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture to come, but it may not succeed. Prof. Hills of the state agricultural college will be present and give some practical talks, as will other members of the board.

Death of a Rutland Dentist.

Dr. William H. Spencer, a well-known Rutland dentist, died of consumption at Amsterdam, N. Y., Thursday. Dr. Spencer was born at Castleton November 17, 1850. He studied dentistry with Dr. Mound about 18 years ago and attended lectures at Boston. He practiced at Putney for some years and opened an office in Rutland nine years ago and built up an extensive practice. He leaves a wife and three small daughters.

VERMONT NEWS.

Vermont State Fair.

In planning for next month do not forget the State Fair at Billings Park, White River Junction, Sept. 12-14. This great exhibition of live stock, dairy products, farming implements and machinery, ladies' work, farm and garden produce and about everything else of value associated with rural life in New England is sure to attract thousands of visitors. Why not exhibit some specimens of your skill or industry and perhaps win a premium?

Johnson Camp Meeting.

From August 3 to 14 there will be a camp meeting in session at Ithiel Falls, Vt., and from the programme as now arranged one may expect an enjoyable time.

Low rate tickets for the round trip have been placed on sale at many of the Boston & Maine and St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad stations, and information regarding this event can be obtained at station ticket offices.

The New York Central railroad company filed a petition this week for an appeal in the matter of the sale of the Central Vermont railroad to the Grand Trunk railroad company. When the sale was made by Judge Waterman of Brattleboro at St. Albans a representative of the New York Central railroad company entered a protest against the sale on the ground that the rights of that company had not been properly considered, and he asked that the protest be made a part of the report of the special master. Judge Waterman paid no attention to the protest, however, and when the session of the court was held in Brattleboro for the purpose of affirming the sale the company objected to the acceptance of the report, but the objection was not sustained.

St. Albans is soon to have a new hotel, thanks to the efforts of a Board of Trade.

Hotel Fullerton, Chester, was badly damaged early Thursday morning by a fire that started in the basement. By prompt action of the fire department the main portion of the building was saved. A large part of the furniture and fixtures were badly damaged. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is \$5000 and is covered by insurance. The house was full of guests who are in attendance at the Windsor county summer school. No one was injured.

The masons have begun work on the new vault of the Lamotte county court house at Hyde Park. An appropriation of \$1500 was made at the last session of the legislature for improvements in the building, including the vault, which will probably cost about \$1000. The offices will be enlarged and remodeled and other needed repairs made.

Lightning struck in a field in Montpelier Friday and completely annihilated a skunk, excepting the claws and tail.

Edward Fredette, 17 years old, son of Henry Fredette, a quarryman living in Pittsford about a mile north of Proctor, accidentally shot and killed himself Thursday. The accident occurred about 8 o'clock in the evening, death ensuing several hours later.

A son of John Poplaski of Whitingham dropped a hay fork when sliding from a load of hay Friday which struck the ground, then upward, one of which penetrated his left arm at the elbow coming out midway between the elbow and the wrist.

J. W. Richards of Chicago, who was visiting his daughter at Brookville, near Middlebury, was struck by the south bound flyer on the Rutland road Friday. He was knocked off a bridge and fell 40 feet. The handles and the crude design of the bridge were the cause of the accident. He was taken to the Rutland hospital where it was found that several bones were broken and that there were a number of severe scalp wounds, but it is not thought that the accident will prove fatal.

While Charles Bullock of Readsboro was fishing one day in Wilmington Frank J. Boyd of Wilmington met him, and claiming to be the fish warden of Wilmington, demanded to examine his fish, which, of course, was granted, supposing they were in Wilmington. Frank found two or three trout short in measure and then there assessed the fisherman \$2, which was promptly paid. If Frank is not punished he is \$2 in, but where is the Wilmington fish warden that he needs assistance from a pretended Wilmington fish warden?

The Rutland road, during the fiscal year just closed, earned \$388 982 net. This, which does not include the earnings of the O. & L. C., now a component part of the Rutland through stock ownership, was \$26 482 more than the total interest charges on Rutland, O. & L. C., and the new Rutland-Canadian bonds. Including the operation of the O. & L. C., net was \$593 099 which left a balance of \$274 599 above the interest charges then existing. This was 6 1/2 per cent, on Rutland preferred, on which, however, only 2 per cent was paid.

Midsummer Humor.

Minister—"I am sorry I didn't see you at church yesterday, Tammas."—Tammas—"Well, ye see, it was siccan a wat day it wisna fit to turn out a dog in. But I sent the wife, sir."—[London Tit-Bits.]

Curate—"I never saw such a set of idiots as I had to preach to this morning." Mabel (one of the congregation)—"I suppose that is why you kept on calling them 'Dearly beloved brethren.'"—[Tit-Bits.]

The bright boy of fiction is playing with his Noah's Ark. "What are these two chips of wood?" asks the bright boy's father. It is necessary for the bright boy of fiction to have a father, you know; there has to be somebody to draw him out. "Them," replied the bright boy, without hesitation, "is the microbes!" Of course, if we think a minute, we perceive that there must have been a pair of microbes on the ark.—[Detroit Journal.]

For many years he had been a police magistrate, but finally having been brought to see the error of his ways, he resigned and became a minister of the Gospel. The first time he was called upon to officiate at a wedding, he went through the ceremony without a break until he reached the important part and asked the bride, "Do you take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband?" "I do," responded the fair one. "What are the mitigating circumstances, if any?" he absently inquired.—[Chicago News.]

L. E. Gilbert of Marysville, Kan., accompanied by 25 hewers, is coming through from Oregon with 25,000 sheep. It is an all-summer's job.

Odd Items from Everywhere

Inhabitants of the coast towns of England are alarmed over the encroachments of the sea. The pretty little village of Dunwick was formerly a large town, and held no small place among the commercial and monastic institutions have been washed away by the sea and a large forest has followed the buildings.

In Kansas, since 1859, every year ending with the figure 9 has been a great corn year, while every year ending with a cipher shown a failure of the corn crop.

The largest dairy in the world is located 14 miles from Newark, N. J., the minimum number of cows kept being 1000. The proprietor runs a ranch in Iowa for the special purpose of supplying his dairy with cows.

The British navy has control of no less than 62 docks for its ships, of which 61 are of stone and one is of wood. All of the wooden docks with which the United States is provided are in need of extensive repairs, and it is only a question of time when these wooden structures must be replaced with stone.

The odor of musk, which was mixed with the mortar when the Sophia church in Constantinople was built, is still perceptible.

Three hundred years ago, in England, it was customary to add beer to mortar to produce the required consistency. It was asserted that the beer rendered the mortar more durable than if it were made with water. It is certain that the workmen often tasted the beer, perhaps to convince themselves that it was of the proper strength and flavor.

An old post which was a land mark in Milford, Mass., more than a century ago, was recently discovered by Selectman Cooke in the rear of Ide's blacksmith shop, where it is understood to have been for 35 or more years. It is a three-cornered mile post about five feet long, and bears the date 1773. It is supposed to have been originally set up near the old Daniel's tavern in what is now the Plains section on the Holliston road. Over the date and under an arrow pointing eastward are the words "To Boston 34 miles," the spelling being after the custom of 125 years ago.

Three odd razors were seen recently in a shop at Augusta, Me. They were left there by a gentleman to be honed, and were over 150 years old. They were received from this gentleman's aunt, who received them from her great-grandfather. The handles and the crude design of the steel show their great age. One has not been used for 30 years. The blade is almost the same width all the way to the handle, and a man would have to be very careful in shaving himself not to cut his finger as he held the razor. One of the others was originally of the same design, but near the handle the steel has been cut out to provide a safe grip; the other razor is more modern in appearance, but still it is far past its youth.

A girl who came from Saxony two years ago, and knew only her native language, has taken first honors in a public school in New York, with an average of 94.8. She ranked third among all the grammar school graduates in the city.

It is said that Prof. Blackie often told this anecdote "on himself." This genial old professor used to form a very picturesque feature in the Edinburgh streets. He was a wiry old patriarch, with handsome features and hair falling in ringlets about his shoulders; no one who had seen him could possibly forget him. One day he was accosted by a very dirty little bootblack, with his "Shine your boots, sir?" The professor was impressed by the filthiness of the boy's face, and he said, "I don't want a shine, my lad," said he. "But if you'll go and wash your face, I'll give you sixpence."

"A' richt, sir," was the lad's reply. Then he went over to a neighboring fountain and made his ablutions. Returning, he held out his hand for the money.

"Well, my lad," said the Professor, "you have earned your sixpence. Here it is."

"I dinna want it," returned the boy, with a lordly air. "You can keep it and get yer hair cut."—[London Tit-Bits.]